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1. THE 11TH LCY CONGRESS CONCLUDED ON 23 JUNE WITH AN UPBEAT
SPEECH BY TITO IN WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE AT
THE CONCLUSION BY SAYING HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO WORK
"50 YEARS MORE." SPEAKING LARGELY IN GENERALITIES, TITO
CONCENTRATED ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PRINCIPALLY ECONOMIC MATTERS,

WITH ONLY PRO-FORMA NOTE OF FOREIGN DEVELOPMENTS. HE MENTIONED NO LCY LEADER BY NAME SAVE PETAR STAMBOLIC, WHOM HE THANKED FOR HAVING INTRODUCED HIM TO THE CLOSING SESSION.

2. WE HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS: TITO'S OPENING REPORT (REFS A AND B) AND MINIC'S ADDRESS TO THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMISSION (REF C). ADDRESS BY KARDELJ IS ALSO BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

3. AS EXPECTED THE 24-MAN PRESIDUM HAS BEEN ELECTED AS WERE THE 165 MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER LEADING PARTY BODIES. STANE DOLANC WAS ELECTED TO THE KEY POST OF SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDUM. NOTEWORTHY IS THE LACK OF FANFARE SURROUNDING DOLANC'S APPOINTMENT OR THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PRESIDUM. MAKE-UP OF THE PRESIDUM IS AS REPORTED EARLIER (REF D AND PREVIOUS). THE NOMINATION OF LJUBICIC AS THE JNA REPRESENTATIVE WAS ANNOUNCED A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE THE CONGRESS BEGAN.

4. PREDICTABLY THE 11TH CONGRESS SET NO NEW COURSES. IT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO. ITS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO CONTINUE THE PARTY ON THE PATH SET BY THE 10TH CONGRESS, A PATH DESIGNED TO SOLIDIFY THE POLITICAL SYSTEM'S BASES ALONG THE FAMILIAR GUIDELINESS OF SELF-MANAGEMENT, NON-ALIGNMENT, AND DETERMINATION TO SET AN INDEPENDENT COURSE BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE CONGRESS, THE MOST IMPORTANT RECENT EVENT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YUGOSLAV DOMESTIC POLITICS, WILL PROVE SIGNIFICANT INsofar AS IT CONFIRMS THE COMMITMENT OF ALL PARTY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND BINDS THEM TO THESE PRINCIPLES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE MESSAGE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS NOT TO EXPECT (OR TRY TO FOSTER) ANY CHANGE IN YUGOSLAV POLICIES AFTER TITO.

5. NEVERTHELESS, NEITHER THE NEW POLICY MECHANISMS NOR THE CONFIRMATION OF DOLANC'S STRONG POSITION PROVIDE ANY CLARIFICATION OF THE ALL TOO MURKY PROSPECT FOR POST-TITO YUGOSLAVIA. PERHAPS IN THIS SENSE THE IMAGE OF CONTINUITY AND STABILITY PROJECTED BY THE YUGOSLAVS IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR THEM THAN ANY SUBSTANCE WHICH MAY HAVE EMERGED FROM THE CONGRESS. AS EVER, TITO REMAINS THE FOCUS, AND THE 11TH CONGRESS HAS NOT MOVED YUGOSLAVIA PERCEPTIBLY CLOSER TO IDENTIFYING THE MAN TO TAKE HIS PLACE. BUT THEN, NO ONE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD.

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